

*Funding Will Preserve Jobs and Improve Infrastructure*

Washington, DC - Congressman Harry Teague announced today that the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development approved his request for an additional \$10 million in funding for the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) in Carlsbad. The additional \$10 million in funding was supported by local leaders and represents an increase from the President's 2009 budget request of \$220 million. The WIPP has been successfully disposing of nuclear waste for 10 years. The funding will go toward job preservation, improved environmental cleanup, and infrastructure improvement.

"As a long time advocate of the WIPP, I know how vital it is to the economy of Carlsbad. That is why securing funds to support WIPP and the jobs it provides has been a top priority for me in Congress," said Congressman Harry Teague. "I will continue to work with the local community to support WIPP and its nuclear waste cleanup mission."

Congressman Harry Teague worked with representatives of the WIPP and local community leaders to secure the funding. "The jobs that WIPP provides to our community are some of the best jobs in our area, the funding Congressman Teague has helped us secure will help us keep these jobs in our community" said Carlsbad Mayor, Bob Forrest. "The work Congressman Teague did to secure these funds is unprecedented for a freshman Representative from this area."

"We're truly grateful to Congressman Teague for his tireless efforts to restore project funding. He recognizes WIPP's key role in cleanup of the nuclear waste complex. This money will allow us to make needed upgrades to our aging facility, preserve jobs and continue our critical mission," said Farok Sharif, URS Washington TRU Solutions President and General Manager.

The funding must next be approved by the full House of Representatives and the Senate.